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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) AND RESPONSE TO FINAL **OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 13, 2006**

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 13, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 13, 2007, Applicants herewith request continued examination. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0535/WBP, the fee of \$790 for an RCE and \$1350 for excess claims and for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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